



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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October 21, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RECREATIONAL  
TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BIKE TRAIL UNDER THE  
INTERSTATE 10 FREEWAY PROJECT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

These actions will allow the Department of Public Works to apply for grant funds under the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Under the Interstate 10 Freeway project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Acting Director of Public Works, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director to submit a grant application to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation under its Recreational Trails Program for the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Under the Interstate

10 Freeway project and to conduct business with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation on any and all matters related to this grant including submitting the grant application, negotiating and executing the grant agreement and amendments, and signing requests for payment and/or reimbursement.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to enable the Acting Director of Public Works, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director to apply for a grant in the amount of \$264,000 under the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Recreational Trails Program for the proposed San Gabriel River Bike Trail Under the Interstate 10 Freeway project. The State of California requires the governing board of a local agency to adopt a resolution certifying approval of the application for funding under the Recreational Trail Program.

The project consists of reconstruction of the Class I bike trail and adjacent equestrian trail on the west side of the San Gabriel River Under the Interstate 10 Freeway and installation of lighting, striping, and pavement markings.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6).

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for the residents of the community by enhancing services provided to the public and improving access to the County of Los Angeles (County) bikeway network. In addition, this action fully supports the strategy to strengthen the County's fiscal capability by actively seeking external funding sources.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost of this project including design, project construction, and contract administration is currently estimated to be \$300,000. The project will be included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Article 3 Bikeway Fund Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The attached Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

The Recreational Trails Program will provide funding for the development and rehabilitation of trails and trailside/trailhead facilities on bike, pedestrian, and other recreational trails. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance and all right of way acquisition activities for potential candidate projects must be complete at the time the application is submitted. Projects correcting major design or construction deficiencies will be given greater consideration than maintenance-type projects such as pavement resurfacing. In addition, projects that provide connections to or are part of regional trail systems and that provide meaningful linkage between homes, schools, and work centers to parks, trails, greenways, scenic corridors, natural, cultural, historical, or recreational areas will also receive higher ranking.

We believe that the San Gabriel River Bike Trail Under the Interstate 10 Freeway would best meet the aforementioned grant requirements since the trail is subject to flooding following rain events, hindering trail usage. The proposed project will significantly improve the usability of this trail. In addition, the San Gabriel River Bike Trail is a regional bike trail located in a densely populated area near numerous schools and businesses and connects to numerous parks including the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area and the Whittier Narrows Recreational Area, which are two major recreational areas in the County.

If the grant application is successful, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) will return to your Board for acceptance of the funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The reconstruction of the existing bike trail and equestrian trail under the Interstate 10 Freeway is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to Sections 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(f) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the minor alterations of existing bicycle and equestrian trails.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

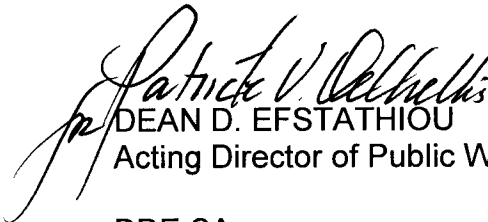
This project will provide improved bike and equestrian trails to better serve the public and will enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for bicyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians in the nearby communities.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and a certified copy of the adopted resolution to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DEAN D. EFSTATHIOU  
Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
FUNDS FROM THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR SAN GABRIEL  
RIVER BIKE TRAIL UNDER INTERSTATE 10 FREEWAY  
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Recreational Trails Program (Program) within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing the Project Application under the Program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant to certify, by resolution, the approval of the application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant will enter into a Contract with the State of California to complete the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application for the Recreational Trails Program; and
2. Certifies that the Project is consistent with the County's General Plan; and
3. Certifies that said County has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the Project included in this Application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
4. Certifies that the County has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the Contract shown in the Procedural Guide; and
5. Appoints the Acting Director of Public Works, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director, as agents to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.
6. The Acting Director of Public Works, Deputy Director, or Assistant Deputy Director, is authorized to act as agent for the County to execute amendments as may be necessary to complete the Project, including extensions of time, changes in Project scope, and alterations in the Project budget or grant amount of up to 10 percent, subject to approval of such documents by County Counsel.
7. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

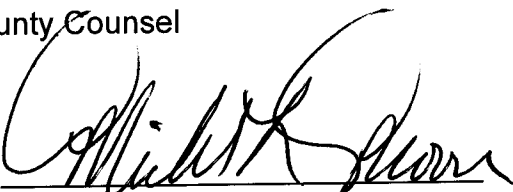
On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles.

SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By:   
Deputy